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THE RED HOUSE, UXBRIDGE.

June, 1926.

**To the Chairman and Members of the Uxbridge
Rural District Council.**

THE CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit my eighth Annual Report, which is compiled in accordance with the instructions of the Ministry of Health and contains a record of the work done by the Public Health Department during the year. This year the Report is more full of detail than ever before, a fact which accounts for the late appearance of the Report. Any interested person will find this Report full of valuable statistics and details of what is occurring in the District.

A.—NATURAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE DISTRICT.

PHYSICAL FEATURES AND GENERAL CHARACTER OF THE DISTRICT.

The Uxbridge Rural District lies in the North-West angle of Middlesex and consists of the following Parishes, ranged according to size of population : Hillingdon East, Harefield, West Drayton, Cowley, Northolt, and Ickenham. On the East of the District runs the River Colne and its tributary, the Frays. The Yeading Brook rises between Harrow and Pinner and runs into the Cran. The Pinn also rises near Pinner and flows in a south-westerly direction through the District, into the Colne at Yiewsley. A portion of the Grand Junction Canal traverses the Western boundary of the District.

The District is mostly flat, but hilly in parts, the highest points being Harefield 291 feet and Hillingdon 188 feet above sea level. The soil consists chiefly of London clay, with occasional patches of plastic clay and gravel, and at Harefield an outcrop of chalk.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (Acres)	11,120
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POPULATION.

The estimated population for the whole District shows an increase from 12,050 to 12,320, but it can be readily understood that in a growing district like ours, the number is increasing even daily. The above figure does not include the officers and men of the R.A.F. stationed in the Uxbridge Depot on the North side of the River Pinn. I have estimated the population of the Parishes as follows :—

	1921.	1925.
COWLEY	1,089	1,164
HAREFIELD	3,035	3,192
HILLINGDON EAST	3,312	4,191
ICKENHAM	495	798
NORTHOLT	851	954
WEST DRAYTON	1,918	2,021
	<hr/> 10,700 <hr/>	<hr/> 12,320 <hr/>

The working-class population is engaged in many directions, namely, Agriculture, Asbestos and Cement Works, Furniture, Mineral Water and Distemper Factories, etc.

NUMBER OF INHABITED HOUSES.

	1921.	1924.	1925.
Cowley	255	260
Harefield	626	647
Hillingdon East	908	1,053
Ickenham	200	228
Northolt	167	178
West Drayton	437	451
	<hr/> 2,272 <hr/>	<hr/> 2,593 <hr/>	<hr/> 2,817 <hr/>
Rateable Value, 1925	£98,854	
Sum represented by 1d. Rate	£411 17s. 10d.	

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Births—Legitimate	123	104	227
Illegitimate	8	1	9
	<hr/> 131 <hr/>	<hr/> 105 <hr/>	<hr/> 236 <hr/>
Birth-rate per 1,000 population	...	18.7	
Deaths	63	60	123
Death-rate per 1,000 population	...	9.9	

COMPARISON OF BIRTHS FOR LAST THREE YEARS.

				1925.		1924.		1923.
Total	...	...	...	236	...	260	...	243
Legitimate	...	...	...	227	...	251	...	235
Illegitimate	...	...	...	9	...	9	...	8
Total Males	...	...	...	131	...	132	...	114
Total Females	...	...	...	104	...	128	...	129

Births in the district show a decrease of 14 for the year. These figures vary each year; for the two previous years the numbers had been increasing. The actual figure for the year is a total of 236, which works out at 18·7 per 1,000 population. The whole country gives us the figure of 18·3 per 1,000.

One cannot get away from the fact that the upper and middle classes seriously consider the size of their families and limit them according to the means that heavy taxation leaves. Due to free education and so much help from the State, this does not concern the artisan, apparently, with the result that over 90 per cent. of the births in the district are from artisan dwellings.

The proportion of male and female children is, in a remarkable way, fairly consistent all over the country, but this year there were 27 more males than females in the area. There were five twin births in the district.

DEATHS.

Deaths in the district decreased from 135 to 123. This is an excellent figure—a decrease of 12, compared with last year's increase of 29 given in my last Report. The above figures give us a death-rate per 1,000 of 9·9. This is certainly good compared with 11·4 of last year and 12·2 for England and Wales. I would like to repeat for emphasis:—

Deaths—U.R.D.C.	...	...	...	9·9 per 1,000.
England and Wales	...	...	...	12·2 „ „

As regards Tuberculosis, our great enemy, which is being fought with increasing activity, 10 deaths are shown—one less than last year.

In the table you will see these cases further classified as “Pulmonary” and “other forms” of Tuberculosis. I still hope to see even better statistics, but 10 deaths in a population of 12,000 cannot be called a bad record, allowing for the extreme mortality of the disease.

Influenza did not strike us so hard this year, but the deaths from this disease numbered 5. I am obviously unable to give you the number of population who had this very common disease, but probably there were 900 cases in the area, with a mortality of 5. This is quite a high enough figure, and it would be wiser for people to respect—I do not mean fear—the disease a little more. By ceasing work at its onset and going home to bed, the mortality is lowered and duration shortened very considerably.

The dread disease of cancer, so eminently curable surgically in many cases if one is able to detect it early, is responsible for 14 deaths out of the 123. Cancer research goes on vigorously and the dawn of new discoveries may not be far distant. Many people think this is a hereditary disease. I do not think so, although I have seen father and son both die of this disease.

No death from suicide in the district is rather a record, but accidental deaths number 6. In these days of high-speed motor traffic and crowded roads, it is not surprising to find that, out of the 6, three were deaths on the road. The other three are deaths from accidents other than road fatalities, including one child who died from drowning.

Table X.—Birth-rate, Death-rate, and Analysis of Mortality during the Year 1925.

(Provisional figures.—The rates for England and Wales have been calculated on a population estimated to the middle of 1925, while those for the towns have been calculated on populations estimated to the middle of 1924. The mortality rates refer to the whole population as regards England and Wales, but only to civilians as regards London and the groups of towns.)

	BIRTH-RATE PER 1,000 TOTAL POPULA- TION.	ANNUAL DEATH-RATE PER 1,000 POPULATION.										RATE PER 1,000 BIRTHS.		PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL DEATHS.		
		All Causes.	Enteric Fever.	Small-pox.	Measles.	Scarlet Fever.	Whooping Cough.	Diphtheria	Influenza.	Violence.	Diarrhoea and Enteritis (under 2 Years).	Total Deaths under One Year.	Causes of Death cer- tified by Registered Medical Practitioners	Inquest Cases.	Uncertified Causes of Death.	
—	18.3	12.2	0.01	0.00	0.13	0.03	0.15	0.07	0.32	0.47	8.4	75	92.1	6.9	1.0	
England and Wales ...	18.8	12.2	0.01	0.00	0.17	0.03	0.18	0.09	0.30	0.43	10.8	79	92.1	7.3	0.6	
105 County Boroughs and Great Towns, in- cluding London ...	18.3	11.2	0.01	0.00	0.15	0.02	0.14	0.06	0.31	0.38	7.6	74	93.0	5.9	1.1	
157 Smaller Towns (1921 Adjusted Popu- lations 20,000-50,000)	18.0	11.7	0.01	0.00	0.08	0.02	0.19	0.11	0.23	0.46	10.6	67	91.1	8.9	0.0	
London ...																

The principal causes of death were:—					1925.	1924.
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	8	9
Other forms of Tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	2	2
Cancer	...	...	...	...	14	11
Cerebral Haemorrhage	...	...	...	...	15	4
Heart Disease	...	...	...	...	13	13
Influenza	...	...	...	...	5	5
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	6	10
Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	8	14
Kidney Disease	...	...	...	...	2	7
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	...	...	...	...	<i>nil</i>	1
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	...	...	...	...	2	7
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	...	...	...	...	1	4

TUBERCULOSIS CASES NOTIFIED.

AGE-PERIODS.				PULMONARY.		NON-PULMONARY.			
				Males.	Females.				
0- 1	...	...	...	<i>nil</i>	<i>nil</i>	<i>nil</i>	...	<i>nil</i>	<i>nil</i>
1- 2	...	...	...	<i>nil</i>	<i>nil</i>	<i>nil</i>	...	<i>nil</i>	<i>nil</i>
2- 5	...	...	...	<i>nil</i>	<i>nil</i>	1	...	<i>nil</i>	<i>nil</i>
5-15	...	...	...	<i>nil</i>	<i>nil</i>	<i>nil</i>	...	<i>nil</i>	<i>nil</i>
15-25	...	...	...	3	1	<i>nil</i>	...	1	<i>nil</i>
25-45	...	...	...	2	3	<i>nil</i>	...	<i>nil</i>	<i>nil</i>
45-65	...	...	...	3	1	<i>nil</i>	...	<i>nil</i>	<i>nil</i>

DEATHS FROM TUBERCULOSIS.

PULMONARY.				NON-PULMONARY.			
Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
3	5	2	<i>nil</i>	...	...	...	...
Total, all forms				10	...	...	...

INFANT MORTALITY.

The total number of deaths that occurred amongst children under 1 year was 16—one more than last year.

One sees wonderfully healthy babies born these days, without defect and well up to an average of 7½ lbs. Yet other babies are born with little chance of surviving even the first year. The County Council system of Health Visiting and Infant Welfare Centres do their best, but it is a hard fight if a child is born undersized and diseased. Following is a list of diseases, to which children under 1 year are prone and die of, taken from the Registrar-General's Report for 1924 :—Tuberculosis (all forms), Measles, Whooping Cough, Diphtheria, Influenza, Convulsions, Broncho-Pneumonia, Bronchitis, Gastritis, Enteritis, Icterus, Prematurity, Injuries at Birth, Intestinal Obstruction, Meningitis, etc.

I think you will agree that there are dangers enough for child life.

From my records, some of the causes of the 16 deaths in your District are as follows :—

Prematurity, 3 ; Gastro-enteritis, 2 ; Congenital Debility, 2 ; Enteritis, 1 ; Broncho-Pneumonia, 2 ; Syphilis, 1 ; Bronchitis, 1.

The death-rate per 1,000 children born in the District works out at 67·8, while the figure for England and Wales is 75 per 1,000 children born.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING YEAR.

<i>Disease.</i>	<i>Total Cases Notified.</i>		<i>Cases Admitted Joint Hospital.</i>		<i>Deaths.</i>
	1925.	1924.	1925.	1924.	
Diphtheria	7	6	6	5	1
Scarlet Fever	15	6	15	4	<i>nil</i>
Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid)	2	1	1	1	<i>nil</i>
Puerperal Fever	1	<i>nil</i>	<i>nil</i>	<i>nil</i>	1
Pneumonia	18	21	<i>nil</i>	<i>nil</i>	6
Erysipelas	4	4	<i>nil</i>	<i>nil</i>	<i>nil</i>
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	<i>nil</i>	<i>nil</i>	<i>nil</i>	<i>nil</i>
Tuberculosis, Pulmonary	13	10	<i>nil</i>	<i>nil</i>	8
Tuberculosis, Non-Pulmonary	2	4	<i>nil</i>	<i>nil</i>	2

The District has remained remarkably free from Scarlet Fever and Diphtheria, although it was apparently quite impossible to maintain the record of 1924, namely 12 cases. This year our number is 22—Diphtheria 7, Scarlet Fever 15.

You will see by the table below the parishes in which these cases arose. Hillingdon East suffered most, but it must be remembered that this parish represents one-third of the population of the whole area. No other reason arises in my mind after investigation of each case. The only case in Ickenham was at one of the Council cottages, but we could not prove that the cesspool had anything to do with the case.

TABLE SHEWING PARISHES IN WHICH INFECTIOUS DISEASE OCCURRED.

	<i>Scarlet Fever.</i>	<i>Diphtheria.</i>	<i>Typhoid.</i>	<i>Meningitis.</i>
Cowley	1	<i>nil</i>	<i>nil</i>	<i>nil</i>
Harefield	1	1	<i>nil</i>	<i>nil</i>
Hillingdon	8	4	<i>nil</i>	<i>nil</i>
Ickenham	<i>nil</i>	1	<i>nil</i>	<i>nil</i>
Northolt	2	<i>nil</i>	<i>nil</i>	<i>nil</i>
West Drayton	3	1	<i>nil</i>	<i>nil</i>

NURSING ARRANGEMENTS AND HOSPITALS IN DISTRICT.

The nurses of the local Nursing Associations have done good work in the Homes in Hillingdon, Harefield, Ickenham, and West Drayton. The nurses do not deal with infectious cases, but, of course, have to nurse Measles in the homes if necessary.

In case of a big Measles epidemic; arrangements can be made to utilise the services of the Health Visitors of the Middlesex County Council.

MIDWIVES.

There is a large number of midwives working in the area, although some of them reside in adjoining districts. I have received notifications of births from Nurses Treadwell, Franklin, Wylie, Stevens, Fox, Gardner, Montgomery, Buttrum, Campbell, and Serginson.

There are no Day Nurseries in the area.

There are no centres for treatment of venereal disease, but notices are posted up showing where and when treatment can be obtained free in the London Hospitals. The nearest venereal clinic is at the West London Hospital, 5.30-6.30 p.m. daily.

CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES.

School Medical Treatment Centres : Council Schools, Harefield ; Providence Road School, Yiewsley ; Whitehall School, Uxbridge.

Ophthalmic Treatment Centre : Providence Road School, Yiewsley.

Dental Treatment Centre : Whitehall School, Uxbridge.

Child Welfare Centres : Hillingdon, Harefield, Northolt.

Tuberculosis.—Dr. Atkinson, Tubercular Physician to the Middlesex County Council, attends at Uxbridge on Thursdays, at 2 o'clock, at the Dispensary, High Street.

HOSPITALS PROVIDED.

Tuberculosis : The County Sanatorium, Harefield.

Maternity : None. See note *re* Uxbridge Union Hospital.

Children : None. See note *re* Uxbridge Cottage Hospital.

Fever : Uxbridge Joint Hospital, Kingston Lane, situated just outside Urban District boundary, on the Uxbridge to Hillingdon Road.

Small-pox : Uxbridge Joint Hospital's Hospital at Yeading is being improved and extended.

Cottage Hospital : This is situated just in our area, in Harefield Road, Uxbridge, and formerly had 12 beds. It is now being extended by a new wing, which was started in October last, to be completed by February, 1926, and will contain 7 extra beds. No children under five years are taken.

Uxbridge Union Hospital at Colham Green. There are 250 beds and all ages and sexes are admitted. An average of 180 beds are occupied. About 20 maternity cases are admitted each year. There is a labour ward (2 beds) and a lying-in ward (2 beds). The accommodation includes : Surgical Female Ward, 12 beds ; Medical Female Ward, 13 beds ; Balconies, 6 beds ; Surgical Male Ward, 12 beds ; Medical Male Ward, 13 beds ; Balconies, 6 beds.

AMBULANCES.

Cases of infectious disease are conveyed from their homes to the Uxbridge Joint Hospital by the latter's ambulance, which can be summoned by telephoning the Matron (Uxbridge 128).

Your district is served by the Uxbridge Urban ambulance for ordinary and accident cases, by arrangement between the two Councils. I had hopes that the latter Council would have had a new ambulance, but apparently this has not gone further than the "discussion" stage. I am sorry to say the present one, being an old war ambulance with canvas sides, etc., is no longer satisfactory.

The ambulance of the Southall Urban Council is excellent and is often in the District, bringing and sometimes fetching cases from the Uxbridge Union Hospital (formerly known as Hillingdon Infirmary). Our area is large and the heavy expenses attached to the maintenance of our own ambulance would be rather a burden on the rates.

PATHOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS.

These are done by the Clinical Research Association, London. Doctors practising in the area are supplied with suitable containers, so that specimens can be sent off for examination.

The examinations mainly consist of the detection of Tubercle Bacilli in sputum, presence of Diphtheria germs in the throat, and blood tests for Typhoid fever.

Well-water tests are also done by the Association for us. The work done by the Association has been very satisfactory.

B.—SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT.

WATER SUPPLY.

The Rickmansworth and Uxbridge Valley Water Company supplies the whole of the District, except a part of Northolt, which is supplied by the Colne Valley Water Company. The water, though hard, is of good quality.

There are still some wells in the District, which are always liable to pollution.

RIVERS AND STREAMS.

One complaint has been received, respecting the pollution of the Yeading Brook, at Ickenham. A sample was taken from the brook, the analyst's report on same being to the effect that it was polluted. The Council communicated with the Middlesex County Council and Hendon Rural District Council, calling attention to this.

All other streams in the District have been satisfactory.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

Cowley, Hillingdon and West Drayton are drained by a sewage system to the Disposal Works at Cowley Peachey, which are managed by the Joint Drainage Committee. One additional sprinkler has been put down by the Engineer during the year. There are now three sprinklers. Complaints have again been received, during the wet periods of the year, from West Drayton, respecting the backing up of sewage in house drains, this being due to the leaky condition of the sewers.

The Hillingdon Court Estate, which is still being developed for building, is in the drainage area, and as there are no sewers in this part of the parish, cesspool drainage has to be provided. The cleansing of these cesspools has been carried out by use of the motor exhaustor, and in this way it has been possible to cope with the work, except during the wet weather, when the majority of the pits rapidly fill with surface water.

Harefield is partly drained to two Outfall Disposal sites, but the method of treatment of the sewage is very crude.

Ickenham houses are all drained to cesspools, but it is to be hoped that the purchasing of another exhaustor, and the making up of Oak Avenue and Parkfield Roads, so that cesspools may be emptied by your Council, will solve the problem of sewage disposal and ditch pollution.

A combined scheme for draining Harefield, Ickenham, and the northern portion of Hillingdon was practically approved at the end of the year, and when this is finally settled I hope the work will proceed with all speed.

CLEANSING OF EARTH CLOSETS AND CESSPOOLS.

This, as mentioned, is carried out by a motor exhaustor at Hillingdon. The pits are cleansed on an average monthly, the contents from same being discharged to a specially constructed tank, at Hillingdon Heath. This tank is connected to the main sewer, which discharges to the Cowley Outfall Works.

The cesspools and earth closets, in the parish of Harefield, are cleansed by contract, with the use of a soil cart. The E.C.'s are cleansed twice weekly, the contents from same being disposed of by tipping into bays and covering with soil. The contents from cesspools are distributed over land.

There are only a small number of pits in the parishes of Cowley and West Drayton, these being cleansed by contract. The pits in these latter three parishes are cleansed on receipt of applications from occupiers.

Up to the end of the year, the occupiers, in the parishes of Ickenham and Northolt, were responsible for cleansing their own pits. As mentioned, arrangements had been made for an exhaustor for Ickenham, but the question of drainage for Northolt has not yet been considered. As there is a good deal of building going on there now, it is a question that should be faced.

HOUSING SCHEMES.

The new houses, Station Road, Cowley, The Common, Harefield, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon, and Mill Road, West Drayton, are drained to sewers and have been satisfactory, except at West Drayton, where the sewage backed up on several occasions.

Park Lane houses, Harefield, Glebe Lane, Ickenham, and Eastcote Road, Northolt, are drained to cesspools. Portable petrol pumps are used for cleaning out the cesspools at Harefield and Ickenham, and a chain sewage pump for Northolt. The sewage is pumped on to the land, but as there is no treatment the land will eventually become sewage sick. The additional land taken for the disposal of sewage at Ickenham has much improved the conditions here.

The question of additional houses being provided has, I am pleased to say, been considered for each parish, and these, when completed, should help to solve the overcrowding problem.

UXBRIDGE R.A.F. DISPOSAL WORKS, COWLEY.

No complaints have been received during the year respecting these works.

SCAVENGING.

A fortnightly collection of house refuse is carried out throughout the District, except at Mount Park, Northolt, and the R.A.F. Depot, Hillingdon, where a weekly collection is made. The work is carried out by contractors and has been satisfactory, but I strongly recommend a weekly collection during the summer months. The refuse is disposed of by tipping into worked-out pits, etc., and as the quantities are not large no nuisance has been caused.

REFUSE DUMPING.

The depositing of refuse east of the Canal at Northolt continued throughout the year. The conditions of this have improved by carrying out the Ministry's suggested precautions. The dump at Little Britain, Yiewsley, close to the Cowley boundary, where tipping into water continues, has been a nuisance to the inhabitants of Cowley.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

All houses in which infectious diseases or suspected cases have occurred and been notified, have been visited by your Inspector, and often by myself.

Disinfectants are supplied by the Council, and after removal of infectious cases, rooms are disinfected by Formalin, and, when considered necessary, bedding, etc., is taken to the Isolation Hospital and disinfected by the steam disinfecter.

MILK SUPPLY.

Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milk Shops have been visited periodically, and found satisfactory. The Middlesex County Council are the Local Authority for carrying out the Milk and Cream Regulations, and also Food and Drugs Act. One Dairy is registered for the supply of Tuberculin Tested Milk.

SLAUGHTER-HOUSES.

These were inspected and, after various improvements being carried out, viz., water laid on, walls rendered, and drainage improved, were registered.

PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF.

The Staff consists of one part-time Medical Officer of Health, and one whole-time Sanitary Inspector, who is also the designated Housing Inspector, Inspector of Canal Boats, Inspector under the Petroleum Acts, and Inspector of Dairies, Cowsheds, Milk Shops, and Slaughter-houses.

HOUSING.

HOUSING STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1925.

Number of new Houses erected during the year :—

(a) Total (including number given separately under (b) :

Cowley	5	} Total 224
Harefield	21	
Hillingdon	145	
Ickenham	28	
Northolt	11	
West Drayton	14	

(b) With State assistance under the Housing Acts :

(i.) By the Local Authority Nil

(ii.) By other bodies or persons :

Cowley	3	} Total 91
Harefield	7	
Hillingdon	79	
Ickenham	1	
Northolt	0	
West Drayton	1	

(1) UNFIT DWELLING-HOUSES.

Inspections :—

(1) Total Number of Dwelling-Houses inspected for Housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	170
(2) Number of Dwelling-Houses which were inspected and Records under the Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 1910	46
(3) Number of Dwelling-Houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ...	27
(4) Number of Dwelling-Houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	143

(2) REMEDY OF DEFECTS WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES.

Number of defective Dwelling-Houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by Local Authority or their Officers ...	—
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(3) ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS.

(a) Proceedings under Section 28 of the Housing, Town Planning, etc., Act, 1919 :—

(1) Number of Dwelling-Houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring Repairs	—
(2) Number of Dwelling-Houses which were rendered fit—	
(a) By Owners	—
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	—
(3) Number of Dwelling-Houses in respect of which Closing Orders became operative in pursuance of Declarations by Owners of intention to Close ...	—

(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts :—

(1) Number of Dwelling-Houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	27
(2) Number of Dwelling-Houses in which defects were remedied—	
(a) By Owners	27
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	—

(c) Proceedings under Sections 17 and 18 of the Housing, Town Planning, etc., Act, 1909—

(1) Number of Representations made with a view to the making of Closing Orders	—
(2) Number of Dwelling-Houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made	1

(3) Number of Dwelling-Houses in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the Dwelling-Houses having been rendered fit	—
(4) Number of Dwelling-Houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	—
(5) Number of Dwelling-Houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	—
Number of Houses not complying with the Building By-Laws erected with the consent of Local Authority	—
Staff engaged on Housing Work	1
(The Sanitary Inspector.)	

ADOPTIVE ACTS AND BY-LAWS IN FORCE.

Acts :—

Infectious Disease (Prevention) Act, 1890.
Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1890, Part III.

By-Laws :—

Cleansing and Removal of Refuse (P.H.A., 1875, Sec. 44).
Prevention of Nuisances (P.H.A., 1875, Sec. 44).
Keeping of Animals (P.H.A., 1875, Sec. 44).
New Streets and Buildings (P.H.A., 1875, Sec. 157, and P.H.A.A.A., 1890, Sec. 23).
Dairies, Cow Sheds, and Milk Shops Order.

Overcrowding is on the increase amongst the working classes, the additional houses not being for this class.

Your Inspector's report is given overleaf in table form, in which all details of inspection from a sanitary point of view, and of food, can be seen.

I am indebted to Mr. Bolton, your Surveyor, for kindly supplying me with the number of new houses for the year.

Mr. Freeman has carried out his duties in a highly efficient manner, showing care and tact. His duties are enormously increased and are still increasing. Without the motor-cycle supplied in May it would have been impossible for him to cope with the work.

This, Madam and Gentlemen, concludes my Report.

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Medical Officer of Health.

SANITARY WORK FOR THE YEAR 1925.

INSPECTIONS:—

Number of Premises Inspected on Complaint
 " " Diseases Infectious
 Number of Premises under Periodical Inspection
 Total Number of Inspections and Re-Inspections made (including
 850 Scavenging and Cesspools Inspections)
 Cautionary or Intimation Notices Given
 Statutory Orders Issued

Cowley.	Harefield.	Hillingdon.	Ickenham.	Northolt.	W. Drayton.	Total.
—	6	17	14	2	4	43
2	1	12	1	2	4	22
7	21	20	9	9	9	75
50	300	580	280	150	160	1,520
12	40	30	54	25	9	170
2	8	4	13	5	7	39

CANAL BOATS USED AS DWELLINGS:—

Number Registered under the Acts
 Number of Contraventions of Regulations
 Notices Served
 Number of Defects Remedied

46 Boats Inspected	46
1	1
1	1
1	1

BAKEHOUSES:—

Number in District
 Contraventions of Factory Acts

2	3	2	1	1	1	10
—	—	—	—	—	—	—

REGISTERED SLAUGHTER-HOUSES:—

Number in the District
 BUTCHERS' SHOPS

1	4	1	—	2	—	8
1	5	3	2	—	1	12

Frequent Inspections of Slaughter-houses and Butchers' Shops have
 been made during the year.

The majority of animals slaughtered have been examined, including
 those at cottages, for own use.

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COWSHEDS :—

Number on Register	3	12	7	3	6	1	...	32
Frequency of Inspection—Periodical.													
Contraventions of Regulations	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	1	—	1	—	...	2
Number of Milch Cows in District end of year	...	...	...	...	...	47	289	108	36	151	20	...	651

DAIRIES AND MILK SHOPS:—

Number on Register	...	...	...	...	...	...
Frequency of Inspection—Periodical.						
Contraventions of Regulations	...	...	...	...	...	...
Samples of Milk taken ...	...	...	...	...	...	...

UNSOUD FOOD:—

Condemned—1	Carcase of a Pig.
1	„ „ Cow (Tuberculosis).

OFFENSIVE TRADES:—

Number of Premises in District (Extraction of Fat from Wash, etc.)	—	2	2	1	3	—	...
Number of Inspections made	—	10	9	4	20	—	...
Contravention of By-Laws	—	—	—	—	—	—	...

WATER SUPPLY AND WATER SERVICE :—

<i>Wells</i> : Cleansed, Repaired, etc.	...	...	...	...	1	—	—	1	...	2
Closed as Polluted	...	...	...	...	1	—	—	—	...	1
Percentage of Houses supplied from Public Water Service				...	71	96	84	96	...	96
Percentage of Houses supplied on Constant System				...	71	96	84	96	...	96
<i>Numbers of Samples obtained for analysis</i> : From Mains ...				...	—	—	1	—	...	1
" " " " Wells ...				...	2	1	—	—	...	5

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE OF EXISTING BUILDINGS :—

<i>Water Closets</i> : Repaired, Supplied with Water, or otherwise Im- proved ... ..	...	...	...	...
Percentage of Houses provided with Water Closets ... ..	...	...	...	...
New Water Closets provided in lieu of Earth Closets ... ..	...	...	...	...
Water Supply Laid on from Mains :—Number of Houses ... ..	...	...	...	...

SANITARY WORK FOR THE YEAR 1925.

<i>Drains</i> :	Examined, Tested, Exposed, etc. ...	...	6	8	4	1	3	4	...	26
	Unstopped, Repaired, Trapped, etc. ...	...	2	4	6	1	4	8	...	25
	Existing Soil Pipes or Ventilating Shafts Repaired ...	...	1	2	1	—	—	1	...	5
<i>Cesspools</i> :	Rendered Impervious, Emptied, Cleansed, etc.	...	*10	455	3512	—	—	22	...	3999
	Abolished, and Drain connected to Sewer	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	...	—
	Percentage of Houses Draining into Sewers	...	90	60	78	—	8	94	...	—

105 Earth Closets are emptied twice weekly at Harefield by Contract.

***Emptying only.**

DISINFECTION :—

<i>Rooms Disinfected: Ordinary Infectious Diseases</i> ...	...	2	1	12	1	2	4	...	22
Phthisis	...	—	2	2	1	—	1	...	6
Rooms Stripped and Cleansed	...	—	—	3	—	—	—	...	3
<i>Articles Disinfected or Destroyed: Ordinary Infectious Diseases</i> ...	...	1	—	19	1	—	—	...	21
Phthisis	...	—	—	4	1	1	—	...	6

DUST:—

[illegible]

SUNDRY NUISANCES ABATED:—

Accumulations of Refuse	...	...	...	1	3	1	—	—	...	5
Foul Ditches, Ponds, etc., and Stagnant Water	...	...	...	—	1	2	2	3	...	9
Foul Pigs and other Animals	...	...	...	2	1	7	4	3	...	18
Dampness...	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	1	...	1
Other Nuisances...	...	...	...	7	12	10	30	9	...	76
Caravans and Huts dealt with	...	...	...	—	1	—	—	6	...	7
Overcrowding	...	...	...	—	2	1	—	1	...	4
Yards Drained and Repaired	...	...	...	—	1	1	—	—	...	2
Urinals Improved	...	...	...	—	—	—	3	—	...	3

FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS, PETROLEUM STORES, AND HOMEWORK.

Factories	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Workshops	...	...	...	...	...	...	33
Bake-houses	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Petroleum Stores	...	...	...	...	...	...	17
Carbide Stores	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Homework	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Number of Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	104
Defects Found and Remedied	...	...	...	...	...	...	3

